

Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Skipping is still captivating the children during their breaks and lunch times. There are all sorts of games emerging with groups, speedy skippers and cross ropers. It is so good to see the children engaged in some traditional games and putting their own twist to them. Our sports teams are continuing to do well. The netballers and footballers have excelled this week. Their team spirit and enthusiasm is great to see.

I've had several children bring me their writing this week from reception through to year 6. It's wonderful to see the progress that is being made by children at the Lea.

The weather forecast is for it to be chilly this weekend but sunny hopefully some of the time, so I hope that you can wrap up warm and enjoy the sunshine.

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher

PTA

Hello from your PTA!

Just a few reminders this week....

This weekend is the last chance to purchase a ticket for our wreath making workshop on Monday, friends, family and neighbours are welcome.

Tickets for our family film night are selling fast. We are limited on numbers, so grab a ticket before they go.

Rainbow raffle tickets are also available to purchase & we will be collecting donations in your class colours very soon: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/thelea/index.cfm>

Your school lottery will have a draw each week. The more people to sign up, the bigger the prizes. Be in with the chance of winning £25,000 a sign up to-day! <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-lea-primary-school-and-nursery>

Support our school by purchasing a local Christmas Tree! Prices start from £48 for a 5ft tree Order online from www.foha.co.uk and make sure to select "The Lea" @ checkout!

And finally, we are thrilled to have received a donation of scooter accessories from Micro Scooters. Renowned for revolutionising the school run, Micro Scooters make getting from A-B quicker, cleaner, greener, healthier, and more fun.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

The Lea PTA

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November 2023

Mon 27, 12:30-3pm Y4 Singing at Memory Cafe in Harpenden

Mon 27, 7:30-9:30pm PTA Xmas Wreath Workshop

December 2023

Fri 1, 9:30-10am Nursery Christmas Songs Dress Rehearsal

Mon 4, 9:30-10am Nursery Christmas Songs

Mon 4, 2:30-3pm Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Tue 5, 9:30-10am Reception Nativity

Wed 6, 9am-12pm Y6 Rotary Carol Concert Rehearsal

Wed 6, 2-3pm Y1 & Y2 Production Dress Rehearsal

Wed 6, 7-8pm Y6 Rotary Carol Concert

Thu 7, 2-3pm Y1 & Y2 Production

Fri 8, 9:15-10:15am Y1 & Y2 Production

Fri 8, 6-8pm PTA Family Film Night

Mon 11, 2-3pm Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal

Tue 12, 2-3pm Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert

Tue 12, 7-8pm Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert

Wed 13 Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 13 Whole school Xmas lunch

Tue 19, 9am-12:30pm Y1-6 Panto

Wed 20 Term Ends (1.15pm)

January 2024

Thu 4 Inset Day

Fri 5 Start of Term

Mon 15 Young Voices at the O2

Mon 22, 7-8:30pm Governors Resources Mtg

Mon 29, 7-8:30pm Governors TLC Meeting

February 2024

Tue 6, 12:30-4pm Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby

Mon 19 - Fri 23 Half Term

Tue 27, 3:30-6pm Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket

Thu 29, 7-9pm Governors FGB Meeting

For a longer term view of key dates please visit our school website at <https://lea-pri.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar>

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

School photos - whole school

Year 1 - Christmas play

Y5/6 Boys' football - selected pupils

Y5/6 Netball match - selected pupils

Our Class Word of the Week

Talk to your child about this word and what it means. Try to use it in everyday conversation at home.

Nursery
zoom

Reception
habitat

Year 1
melting

Year 2
intended

Year 3
scornful

Year 4
vexed

Year 5
concentric

Year 6
violated

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SPORTS REPORTS

Football

On Friday 17th November, The lea Football A and B team played Manland in a Friendly.

The teams consisted of: Josiah, Teddy, Marley, Jihan, George, William, Charlie, Adam, Hayden, Asher, Travis, Zeph, Caspian, Seb, Kye, Noah C, Miles and Casey.

The A team lost 1-0 and the B team lost 2-0.

Everyone played well, unfortunately Josiah missed a very hard free kick, but it was a good try.

Stars of the matches:

A team - Teddy for great saves

B team - Charlie for great clearances.

Match report written by: Teddy and Josiah

Netball

On Wednesday 22nd November, the Lea Netball team played Kings school in a Friendly game at the Lea.

The team consisted of: Clara, Emily, Megan, poppy, Divine, Teyanna, Bea, Felicity, Jaiya and Lyla.

The special moment of the match was all the turnovers leading to the ball going to the shooters.

The final score was 8-1 to the Lea, with Clara scoring six goals and Megan scoring two. Player of the match was Megan.

Match report written by: Clara

Football

On Wednesday 22nd November the Lea Football A team played Kings school in a Friendly at the Lea.

The team consisted of: Teddy, Josiah, Jihan, Asher, Seb, Noah C, William and Marley.

Josiah scored twice from corners, Marley kept getting really close but Kings were holding up well. Our pressure and defence was amazing but we need to communicate more. Star player was Josiah.

Match report written by: Teddy and Josiah

#GoTeamLea

AWARDS



Team Points

Sapphire was the winning team this week. 21 children received their silver certificates for 50 team points. Well done!



The Lea Superstars

Nursery

Bonnie M

For great listening and joining in at carpet time.

Reception

Ayda

For engaging brilliantly in her learning. PS you're a super sheep!

Lucy

For being a super role model and always trying your best.

Year 1

Annabel

For impressing us with her super handwriting!

Gervaise

For excellent understanding of freezing and melting in science.

Year 2

Onni

For having a positive attitude towards school and working very hard on writing sentences in all subjects independently!

Year 3

Lily

For showing a good attitude in class and working more independently.

Year 4

Sophie L

For challenging herself and always working hard.

Luca

For a good start to year 4.

Year 5

Adam

For thoughtful responses in R.E.

Year 6

Jaiya

For working really hard and showing perseverance with her writing.

Sports

Harper & Asia (Y4)

For creating a wonderful partner sequence in Gymnastics!

Jihan (Y5)

For great Football skills and teamwork shown in all three Football friendlies.

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Raring2Go!

Click here for the winter edition of Raring2Go! full of events and things to do for families for December, January and February.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/stalbans/winter2023/>



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 94%.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech blog The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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THE LEA PTA PRESENTS

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

THE POLAR EXPRESS

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM - FILM STARTS AT 6:15PM

£6.50 per child (includes hot choc or milk, small bag of popcorn & a gift)

£3.50 per adult

Refreshments available to purchase on the night

Bring your PJ's and a sleeping bag!

+ *Special*
VIP

BUY TICKETS NOW FROM PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/THELEA



A large, multi-colored rainbow arches over the word "Christmas" in a large, pink, cursive font. Below "Christmas" is the word "RAFFLE" in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The background is light blue with scattered yellow stars and red holly leaves with berries.

Christmas

RAFFLE

The PTA are asking for donations to create fantastic hampers for some lucky winners to enjoy over Christmas. To donate, please bring an item which matches the colour of your child's class below.

Nursery - red

Year 3 - Blue

Reception - orange

Year 4 - Purple

Year 1 - Yellow

Year 5 - Pink

Year 2 - Green

Year 6 - Rainbow

Donations can be made in the box outside the school office at drop off or pick up between 1 and 8 December.

The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 14th December** at 3:30pm in the school hall.

Raffle tickets will be £1 each and available to purchase via the link below.

A cartoon girl with brown skin, wearing a red Santa hat and red and white striped leggings, is holding a white sign that says "Thank you!".

Thank you!

A red button with a black border containing the website link.

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/THELEA





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THE LEA PRIMARY
SCHOOL & NURSERY

Buy a LOCALLY GROWN
Christmas Tree

Premium NORDMANN FIRS
Cut in early December

£10 PER TREE WILL BE DONATED TO OUR SCHOOL

Order online from www.foha.co.uk
Collection or delivery on 8th or 9th December
Prices from £48 (5ft tree)



HARPENDEN Christmas Carnival

A magical, festive celebration!

Christmas Market - Entertainment - Santa's Grotto
Procession - Music - Food & Drink - Fairground Rides
Craft Activities - Christmas Lights Switch On

**Sunday 26th November
12-6pm**



With thanks to



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Santa's Grotto Sponsors
Pizza Express



**HARPENDEN
TOWN COUNCIL**
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you are invited to a
café & crafts
drop in at 4 vaughan road

CHRISTCHURCH
HARPENDEN

sunday 26th november 2023
2pm - 4.30pm

enjoy a hot drink and a sweet treat as
part of the harpenden christmas carnival
crafts for children to make and enjoy

Free

**Support
Share
Grow**



Wednesday 10am-11.30

29th November

20th December

24th January

28th February

27th March

**St Albans Cycle Hub
Cottonmill Community and Cycling
Centre
Old Oak, Cottonmill Lane St Albans
Herts, AL1 2EF**

About Us

Parent Networks are a mixture of free in-person and online support groups for parents of children and young people with SEND, where it is safe to share tips, stories, advice, or have a chat with others who truly understand how challenging family life can be.

Lottery-funded and therefore free support and information for parents caring for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities and inclusive of those on assessment pathways and with or without diagnosis.

Our Parent Network community is warm, welcoming, and friendly. As parents ourselves, we recognise how isolating it can be living with daily challenges and we simply want you to feel comfortable and connect with other parents who live in families similar to yours.

Our Parent Network community support groups are open to all parents whose children may have a diagnosis or are on assessment pathways.

Families in Focus CIC on Facebook